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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer, DDA

FROM : Clifford D. May, Jr.

Director of Data Processing

SUBJECT : Review of Advisory Committees

REFERENCE: Memo fm DDCI dtd 15 Mar 77, same subject (ER 77-6459, DDA 77-1456)

and found none that qualify under the definition given in the reference. CIA did use a Technical Advisory Panel of non-government consultants in late 1974, but this was an ad hoc group to advise DDI/OCI on SAFE. If such a group is ever used again, it will be another ad hoc body selected for the subject involved and then disbanded.

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15 March 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Deputy Director for Administration Deputy Director for Intelligence Deputy Director for Operations

Deputy Director for Science and Technology

Legislative Counsel General Counsel Inspector General Comptroller

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SUBJECT

: Review of Advisory Committees

- 1. The President has addressed a memorandum to the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies "ordering a Government-wide, zero base review of all advisory committees, with the presumption that committees not created expressly by statute should be abolished except those (1) for which there is a compelling need; (2) which will have truly balanced membership; and (3) which conduct their business as openly as possible consistent with the law and their mandate." The review is to include advisory committees created by statute that you do not believe meet these standards.
- 2. OMB instructions implementing the Presidential directive require that this review be a "comprehensive, zero-base review of each advisory committee regardless of the authority under which the committee was established, or when it was established or last renewed." Each addressee should review the need for, and accomplishments of, each committee with particular attention to the "balance" of membership representation. Based on this review, a determination should be made to continue, merge, terminate, or revise responsibilities of each advisory committee, whether established by the Agency, by statute, or by Presidential directive.
- 3. Attached is a "review coversheet" furnished by OMB to be used in reporting as follows:
  - a. A review coversheet only, in triplicate, for each Agency-established committee which is proposed to be terminated.

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- b. A review coversheet and brief explanatory statement, in triplicate, for each committee established by statute or Presidential directive, which is recommended for merger or termination.
- c. A review coversheet and detailed justification, in triplicate, for each committee which is proposed to be continued.
- d. A memorandum of transmittal for the cover sheets and accompanying statements, constituting a determination that the continuation of the committees proposed to be continued is in the public interest, signed by the Deputy Director or head of independent office concerned.
- 4. An advisory committee is defined by statute as "any committee, board, commission, council, conference, panel, task force, or other similar group, or any subcommittee or other subgroup thereof...which is -
  - (A) established by statute or reorganization plan, or
  - (B) established or utilized by the President, or
  - (C) established or utilized by one or more agencies, in the interest of obtaining advise (sic) or recommendations for the President or one or more agencies or officers of the Federal Government, except that such term excludes (i) the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, (ii) the Commission on Government Procurement, and (iii) any committee which is composed wholly of full-time officers or employees of the Federal Government."
- 5. Your report should be submitted to the Comptroller no later than 6 April 1977.

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E. H. Knoche Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Attachment: As Stated

DDA Distribution:

1 - each DDA Office Director

FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTED REVIEW COVERSHEET	1. Department or Agency:
2. Name of committee (and	d subcommittee, if appropriate):
3. Was this committee established after January 1, 1977?	4. For closed or partially closed meetings, list for each meeting the date and number(s) of all FOIA exemptions used:
Yes No  No  Agency recommendation	for this committee:

- a. <u>Termination</u>. If this is a committee established by statute, attach a brief explanatory statement for the recommendation and indicate whether legislation is required to carry out the recommendation and whether such legislation is contemplated or pending.
- b. Continuation. Attach a justification statement describing what this committee does, why there is a compelling need for its continuation, and how it has a truly balanced membership. The statement should be on numbered pond sheets with the name of the agency and the committee on each. The justification should include details on the following and any other relevant factors:
- (1) The number of times the committee has met in the past year and the relevance of that number to its continuation.
- (2) The number of reports submitted by the committee in the past year.
- (3) A description of how the committee's reports, recommendations, or advice have been used in agency policy formulation, program planning, decision-making, achieving economies, etc.
- (4) An explanation of why the recommendations or information cannot be obtained from other sources, elsewhere within the agency, from other agencies or existing committees, public hearings, consultants, etc.
- (5) An explanation of any degree of duplication of functions, purpose, etc., with other committees, or within the agency, or with other agencies.
- (6) The relationship of the cost of the committee to the reports, recommendations, or information provided.
- (7) In consideration of (a) the functions to be performed and (b) the points of view to be represented, specifically how the membership is balanced—the views, areas of expertise, etc., included.

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